

# CHRIST'S FINAL COUNSELING

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Many times during the public ministry of our Lord, He would have private conversations with His disciples. Today, I would like to examine the discussion with them just prior to being given over to His enemies to be crucified.

"Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." { John 13:26,27} Judas then goes out to meet those who would take the Lord, and Jesus was left alone with the other eleven.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." {John 13:34,35} Jesus gave many examples of love for them to learn from. Please read John 5:6-11; 9:6,7; 11:35,36; Matthew 14:14.

Jesus was trying to prepare them for His death and ascension back to the Father, but offered some comforting words. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." {John 14:1-3} He was coming back!

Jesus also promised them the comfort which would be given to them by the Holy Spirit.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. " {John 14:26}

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me." {John 15:26}

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:" {John 16:7,8}

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. " {John 16:13}

"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." {John 16:14} So what would the other "Comforter" do for them?

**Teach you all things. Bring all things to your remembrance. Testify of Jesus.  
Convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Guide them into "all truth". Glorify Jesus.**

Jesus was not going to leave them without providing help in His absence!

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." {John 16:33} Jesus had overcome the world by His obedience to His Father. By following that same example of faith in Him, they would overcome the world!

Yet, the disciples were very sad and really never wanted for Him to go. Jesus had been preparing them for this day all during His personal ministry on earth. So many times he plainly told them of His impending death, burial and resurrection. What would comfort them in their sorrow over losing Him? Even in facing death, Jesus assured them of His love for them! \*\*\*